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AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE

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TAGS: BEXP, EWWT, CG, XA

SUBJ: HARMONIZATION OF CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT IN WEST AND CENTRAL  
AFRICAN PORTS

REF: (A) YAOUNDE 993, (B) KINSHASA 2171

1. COMATT MET WITH CIT. MUTWALE MUYIMBWE, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION, WHO IS CHARGED WITH LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONFERENCE. IT APPEARS THAT HARMONIZATION OF CARGO HANDLING EQUIPMENT IS ONLY PART OF AGENDA FOR CONFERENCE ON PORTS TAKING PLACE AT KINSHASA AND MATADI JULY 4-15. ALTHOUGH PLANS NOT YET FIRM, CONFERENCE WILL ALSO DEAL WITH PORT MANAGEMENT, FINANCE AND STATISTICS, COOPERATION WITH PORTS OF EUROPE AND AMERICA AND PORT POLLUTION PROBLEMS. MUTWALE SAYS IT WILL BE A REPEAT OF A CONFERENCE RECENTLY HELD IN MEXICO.

2. THEY EXPECT TO HAVE FIRM PLANS BY APRIL FIRST AND INVITATIONS WILL GO OUT ABOUT APRIL 15 TO LARGE CROSS SECTION OF EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN SHIPPING LINES, PORT AUTHORITIES, SHIPPING ASSOCIATIONS AND SUPPLIERS, ALONG WITH GOVERNMENTAL AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITIES ACTIVE IN THIS AREA.

3. CONSIDERABLE LOGISTICS PROBLEMS REMAIN AS TO SITES OF CONFERENCE  
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AND QUARTERING ARRANGEMENTS. CONFERENCE WILL LARGELY COINCIDE WITH KINSHASA'S BIENNIAL INTERNATIONAL FAIR (FIKIN), PLACING A STRAIN ON LOCAL TRANSPORT AND HOUSING FACILITIES.

4. MUTWALE PROMISED TO SHARE FURTHER INFORMATION ON CONFERENCE WITH EMBASSY AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.  
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